

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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MAUI WINS.

## WE ARE AT WAR.

Uncle Sam's action in taking over the two biggest Matson liners—the Matsonia and Maui—drives home to Hawaii the fact that our nation is in a war to which community interest must be subordinated to national interest.

It is a hard blow to island commerce, particularly with a large amount of sugar awaiting shipment. But if the government will allow the use of the seized German ships, the situation will be bettered. Certainly the liners cannot be taken away without some compensation. Hawaii's sugar is needed as badly in the markets of the Allies as Hawaii's ships are needed in the government service.

With the commandeering of these vessels, there will probably be an agitation for suspending the coastwise law to allow foreign vessels to carry passengers between Hawaii and mainland ports. This is a proposal which has rightly been opposed, and it should not again be entertained until it is certain that the passenger traffic will suffer acutely from lack of domestic accommodations.

## RAPID NAVAL ENLISTMENTS.

Cable orders received here for the naval authorities to discontinue recruiting except for two special classes—machinists and electricians—emphasize the rapidity with which Uncle Sam's navy has lately been filling up.

At the end of May, announcement was made in Washington that within the past few months a naval reserve of about 25,000—which is half as large in numbers as the regular navy was a year ago—has been built up. At the same time, the enlistments for the navy went steadily ahead. As always, prospect of active service drew in thousands of fine young Americans.

The growth of the naval reserve has been featured by the acceptance of many women. Honolulu enlisted a woman as a yeoman weeks ago. The number now in the navy is approximately 800.

At the last complete report 19,347 men and 725 women had been enlisted and about 3500 officers enrolled, and the new enlistments in the last 10 days make the total about 25,000. This force includes the fleet naval reserve, the naval reserve, the naval auxiliary reserve, the naval reserve flying corps, the volunteer naval reserve, the naval coast defense reserve, and the women enlisted for special duty.

The largest number of enlistments are in the first and third districts, with headquarters at Boston and New York, respectively, with each about 4200; the second, Newport, R. I., shows a total of 2800; the fourth, Philadelphia, 2500, and the fifth, Norfolk, 15,000. These figures are approximate, based on the returns up to the end of May.

Hundreds of sailors, fishermen and seafaring men have been enlisted, and yachtsmen, motorboat owners and others with some experience have joined the coast defense reserve. Nearly every college and university in the East, and many in the West and South, furnished recruits, Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, Cornell and Brown being among those most largely represented. Nearly all the members of one entire class from Cornell went to Newport and enlisted as seamen.

Most of the men in the reserve would be required for the coast patrol fleet, which includes minesweepers, mine-layers, submarine chasers, patrol boats of various classes, and which will embrace hundreds of vessels required for coast defense. In addition, the reserve will furnish men for guard duty at navy yards, magazines, storehouses and other points, and for the crews of merchantmen taken over by the government.

Nearly all the 725 women enlisted are engaged in clerical duties, and rank as yeomen.

## IRISHMEN IN CONVENTION.

At the very time a large number of critical individuals and journals were declaring it impossible to assemble a convention to discuss home rule for Ireland, preparations were going forward, under Lloyd George's supervision, for the holding of such a convention. This now comes out through the despatch today from London announcing that the convention began yesterday. It is composed of 101 members, all from Ireland, and representative, it is said, of various classes and creeds.

While the convention will probably have some bitter differences of opinion—for feeling is running high over home rule controversies—the very fact that such a gathering has been called gives hope for harmonious settlement of this question of centuries. Lloyd George's plan has already met acceptance by the Irish far wider than the prophets of disaster were willing to concede a month ago.

While criticizing those soldiers who evade the new army orders against use of liquors, don't forget that no soldier could accomplish the evasion without the help of a civilian. It is the civilian who takes the initiative by getting the booze for army men. A few cases of exemplary punishment for the civilians ought to show them the error of their ways.

Lord Northcliffe, who fought the British censorship and won his battle, has come to the United States as an adviser. His sentiments on the newspaper censorship proposed by the administration would make interesting reading, but it is extremely doubtful if he will express himself.

We see by the despatches there's been another "strategic withdrawal," which indicates new activity of the Hindenburg line.

Buy a Liberty Bond. Don't be a slacker!

Maui's sweeping victory in yesterday's big polo match gratifies not only the strong adherents of the Valley Isle but many an Oahu man as well.

Maui's gameness in the face of unexpected defeats in previous years, the unsurpassed spirit of the polo fours which come from the Valley, and the speed and dash shown yesterday attest the merits of the visiting team. Oahu was soundly beaten. Maui turned out a four which had team-work developed to a high degree, even with a mere youngster, 13-year-old Edward Baldwin, playing at No. 3.

Team-work plus individual excellence and spirit won for Maui, and that detracts nothing from Oahu, whose poloists gave their last ounce of effort. Well played!

## IS GERMANY LEARNING THE TRUTH.

The state of desperation to which the ruling class of Germany has been driven to hold its power is clearly demonstrated by the determination with which division after division of German troops is being hurled without sense or consideration, against the advancing British in France, and which are being annihilated by the withering fire from the Allies' machine guns and exploding mines as fast as sent upon the field. This sort of warfare cannot long exist, and from inklings of the truth that reach the outside world through sources to be relied on, there is every reason to believe that the Germans are badly worn down.

Throughout the German empire there is a smoldering discontent. Such German newspapers as dare to utter a word on the war not in harmony with the news which the powers wish the German people to know, are making attacks on the government for its stand against a "lost cause." Socialists have become so bold that they are coming out into the open and denouncing a continuation of a war that can but plunge the nation deeper by each added day of strife. This class has been augmented by a sympathetic move of the Liberals, who are openly denouncing a government that ignores the rights of the people. The sentiment of revolt is broadcast, and one pamphlet reads:

Our enemies will never make peace with our government.

What have the French and English against us? It is our Kaiser and his friends they are fighting.

The Kaiser and his officers stand between us and peace.

If it weren't for our Kaiser and Junkers, the English would make peace with us.

Why should we be hated? The leaders are hated; we suffer.

We are winning victories and bleeding to death. We are devastating ever more of our neighbors' lands and dying of slow starvation. We are defying the anger of a world in arms and staring ruin in the face. The physical strength of our people is exhausting; the financial power of our nation is exhausting; our supplies of raw material are exhausting; our great organizations for the work of peace are slowly disintegrating. We must have peace. If our government cannot procure peace, what must we do?

The people are beginning to awaken to the knowledge that not their interests but the interests of the rich only are being served by this frightful slaughter of men in the ranks and starvation throughout the empire, to be followed by years of taxation.

## SPAIN'S OPPOSING FACTIONS.

Spain's cabinet troubles, which have figured a good deal in recent despatches, are due mainly to the bitter struggle in Alfonso's kingdom between the pro-German and pro-Entente parties. The latter seems to have popular support, much as in Greece, but cannot win marked ascendancy with the king.

Count Romanones, former premier, is looked upon as the leader of the anti-Germans, though he insists that what he does is inspired not so much by hostility toward Berlin as by anxiety to see his own country in the right course.

Senor Garcia Prieto, the premier whose resignation has just been made public, was greeted with jubilation by the pro-Germans on his accession to office but the kaiserists rather waned in enthusiasm when Prieto declared himself the friend of England and France.

He delicately hinted that circumstances might so develop that he might be obliged to go to the Cortes for a mandate for a new and firmer policy. The pro-Entente journals having made a point of the fact that the new premier was a member of the government that made the agreements with England and France, Senor Garcia Prieto said: "I am the same man that I was yesterday and always. I remain the same man that I was when in 1904 I was a member of the government that inaugurated the policy of rapprochement between Spain and France; I am the same man who in 1910 signed the Franco-Spanish treaty on Morocco. My ideas on the subject of international policy with regard to my country have not varied."

While Germany is using every device of diplomacy to keep from a break with Spain, the U-boat raids are almost as intolerable to Madrid as to Christiania, Norway. Each sinking of a Spanish vessel is greeted with general execrations by the Spanish people, and no cabinet which does not take a firm attitude toward Berlin is likely to last.

England's batting average on German raiding aeroplanes is now well over 300 and the home defenders are cracking out a Zeppelin now and then for extra bases.

Mayor-elect Fern must not be blamed for not immediately reducing the price of flour and fish. He does not take office until July 1.

Good terms for Germany: Fifty years and a couple of billion figs.

Swat the slackers!

## PELE FESTIVAL LACKS IN MERIT

Several hundred persons attended the Festival of Pele at the Old Plantation on King street last night and went away with rather an empty feeling after paying 50 cents admission and lesser prices for lesser features. It is understood that work will commence soon now to clear away the remains of what constituted an excellent carnival parade but made a poor background for a circus several months afterwards.

Although Alexander Hume Ford, Gordon Osborne, the boy scouts, Miss Helen Alexander and numerous others did some hard work to make the carnival a howling success it was impossible to get up a first-rate carnival upon such short notice with so little material.

Scouts on every side last night announced dances—it seemed there was a fantastic orgy everywhere—and ballyhoos were loud in their exclamations on all sides, but there was little real entertainment outside of the Hawaiian band, plenty of lemonade and the volcano, to be had.

Those who promised attractions hidden behind hastily erected walls did so in a halfhearted way that did not tend to arouse the crowd to enthusiasm.

Boys dressed as devils furnished a little excitement when they sought out placarded pests such as Boozie and Graft and Microbes from the crowd and hurled them down into the everlasting fires of the volcano, and the ancient dresses of a number of comely Hawaiian girls afforded a pretty sight but with the exception of meeting, circus style, with friends for a chat, there was little to do.

The crowd was disappointed that the Samoan dance was not staged, but the southern islanders were unable to attend owing to a departing vessel.

## LETTERS

### LOCATION OF MAUI HIGH SCHOOL

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: During the last few weeks the question has again arisen as to the permanent location of the new Maui high school. A handsome donation has recently been given for a new building. It is understood that the grounds were being prepared and the house of the principal of the high school about to be begun when the whole question of the location was again revived.

Where shall the new high school be located is the question that for months has been discussed by the people of Central Maui. If this is to be a public high school for Maui county, all residents of Central Maui and of Lahaina and Hana are vitally interested. If a Maui institution can be built up which can compete with those of Honolulu in efficiency and convenience, most Maui citizens will prefer it.

The statement has recently been made by those who know the facts that at least 50 pupils from Hana, Kula and Lahaina would be sent to the Maui High School if a more convenient location should be secured than the present one. In the present location at Hamakua-poko it is impossible to arrange homes or boarding places for these children.

In a larger community many homes would be open to children wishing to attend a high school, and any child who is able to enter such an institution could find friends to help him. A Maui county high school should be easily accessible to all.

Is it wise to locate such a public institution where no land is available for private homes in the near vicinity. We think not, especially when there are nearly-lying communities where this is not the case. The question which is to be decided does not concern a private institution but a public one, one belonging to the citizens of Maui county. The institution is to meet the needs of the entire Maui county public. With this thought in mind we urge that a more central location be carefully considered.

MAUI RESIDENT.

### HILO MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER, MUST DIE

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence.)

HILO, June 9.—The sentence of death was passed here Friday on Antonio Garcia, convicted of the murder of R. Takeuchi, by Judge C. K. Quinn in the Fourth Circuit Court. This was Judge Quinn's first murder case. Garcia May 11 shot Takeuchi and at the same time wounded Wren Westcott chief engineer of the Honokaa mill. When asked if he had anything to say the condemned man declared that he did not intend to kill the Japanese, but was only after Westcott.

A semi-official statement published in Rome says that an Austro-Hungarian seaplane, the K 188, has been recovered derelict, the airman having probably perished in the sea.

## WORK TO BRING ROTARIANS HERE

With the end in view of bringing mainland Rotarians to the islands and of popularizing travel between the islands during the summer by the teachers, the Hawaiian Promotion Committee is starting a campaign which is expected to reach large proportions this summer.

The Rotarians are asked to come here to act as spellbinders on their return in describing the wonders and beauty of the "Cross-roads of the Pacific."

In regard to the teachers the committee has written every teacher on the islands suggesting several itineraries and has secured lower transportation and hotel rates for their accommodation.

The teachers are especially invited to visit the promotion committee room on Bishop street, where every assistance will be given them.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—W. R. HUMPHRIES, Palama Settlement: There is no end to interest in athletics at Palama.

—W. H. HUTTON: You would never guess I furnished the smoke for the volcano at the Festival of Pele.

—W. J. LILLIS, inspector of weights and measures: Very few dealers in this country intentionally possess bad scales.

—W. L. CREED: The new dancing floor on the roof garden seems to have been received with the favor it merited.

—ALEXANDER HUME FORD: We were sorry to miss the Samoan dance, but it wasn't our fault the ship left too early.

—PHILLIPS POIRIER: People are still traveling. The Maunaloa hotel got a nice delegation of visitors off the Venezuela.

—W. L. GIFFORD: There will be no alterations to the Hawaii Preserving Company's plant this year. We'll can about the same amount.

—MISS MARY JOHNSON, Colonial Hotel: We are losing one of our guests, but it is the army that is taking him, so we can't complain.

—ARTHUR McDUFFIE: You can hardly arrest a man for betting when you see him pass money to another. He might be paying last month's bill.

—PERCY A. SMITH, manager Henry May & Co.: We have been surprised ourselves at the interest taken in Mr. Gerrit Wilder's display of taro in our window.

—SENATOR CHARLES F. CHILDRICH: Everything connected with the fish industry is going up—boats, machinery, ice, and still there is an awful roar if fish costs a little more.

—EUGENE BUFFANDEAU, deputy county clerk: I never cared for onions, but because of the recent appeals to eat Hawaiian grown onions I tried them the other day and now, like the patent medicine advertisements, I shall never be without them again. I really feel better for eating them.

—ALBERT HORNER: For a great deal of the work in the report on the cattle, hog and dairy situation recently submitted to the food commission by myself as chairman, credit should go to Eben Low and George Cooke, who have spent much time and effort in checking over details and collecting information. We all reached the same conclusions, as shown in the report.

## PERSONALITIES

JAMES C. DAVIS, who was formerly principal of Royal school, has received reappointment by the school commissioners as supervising principal on Oahu.

MRS. LAURA STOCKEN of the Bishop Trust Co., who has been at the Pierpoint hotel for several weeks, leaves for Oregon on the next ship for the mainland.

J. A. GRANT, a civil engineer with Catton, Neill & Co., leaves on the next ship for the coast after several months spent in the islands. He was at the Pierpoint hotel and is going to San Francisco.

MISS EDNA BYRD, a member of the Mills school faculty, will leave on the next boat for the mainland to spend her summer vacation. Miss Byrd will go first to Salem, Ore., to attend the wedding of her brother, later visiting at her home in Spokane.

The Navy Department will construct a barracks which will hold 20,000 marines at Quantico, Virginia. The work will begin immediately.

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### HILO FILIPINOS MIX IN BATTLE; THREE ARE WOUNDED

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence.)

HILO, June 9.—Three Filipinos suffered here today from a fight waged among them on the Mahulus plantation. Juan Palacio, armed with a cane knife, first got into a fight with Macario Temporada, wielding a pocket knife, and wounded him severely,

sustaining a cut on the arm himself. Ememenu Temporada, brother of the badly injured man, was starting in search for revenge upon Palacio with a revolver when the police arrived and took all three to jail.

Baron Frederich von Falkenhause arrived at Brussels to take up his duties as the new governor-general of Belgium.

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